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(New York, N.Y. ? June 18, 2012) ? The U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency announced today that it has reached agreement with 70 companies  
considered potentially responsible for contamination of the lower Passaic  
River to remove approximately 16,000 cubic yards of highly contaminated  
sediment from a half-mile long area of the Passaic River in Lyndhurst, New  
Jersey at their expense. High levels of contaminants, including PCBs,  
mercury and dioxin, are present in the sediment and can cause health  
effects. The work is scheduled to begin in spring 2013.

The agreement calls for the parties to remove contaminated sediment from a  
mud flat area near the north section of Riverside County Park, install a  
protective cap over the approximately five-acre excavated area and conduct  
lab tests of sediment treatment technologies. Based on the results,  
testing of treatment technologies at a larger scale may also be performed.  
The cap will monitored and maintained to ensure that it remains protective  
until a final cleanup plan for the lower 17 miles of the Passaic River is  
selected by the EPA. The excavated material will be disposed of in a  
licensed, permitted EPA-approved disposal facility if the sediment  
treatment technologies do not prove effective during testing.

?This agreement triggers actions that will reduce exposure of people and  
wildlife to the highly toxic contaminants in the Passaic River sediment

and keep it from spreading to other parts of the river," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck. "Under the Superfund agreement, the companies responsible for the contamination will conduct and pay for the work with EPA oversight, rather than passing the costs on to taxpayers."

Dioxin can cause cancer and other serious health effects. PCBs are likely cancer-causing substances and mercury can cause serious damage to the nervous system. The highly contaminated sediment was discovered in Lyndhurst during sampling performed by the EPA and the parties in late 2011.

Superfund is the federal cleanup program established in 1980 to investigate and clean up the country's most hazardous waste sites. The Superfund program operates on the principle that polluters should pay for the cleanups, rather than passing the costs to taxpayers. When sites are placed on the Superfund list, the EPA looks for parties responsible for the pollution and requires them to pay for the cleanups.

Under the agreement announced today, the companies will conduct and pay for the cleanup work and EPA's costs in overseeing it. The cost of the work to be performed is estimated at \$20 million, in addition to the costs of EPA oversight.

The EPA will work closely with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, local officials, river and park users, the Passaic River Community Advisory Group, community organizations and Lyndhurst residents throughout the planning and cleanup process. The agency will provide information on the plans, coordinate the cleanup and minimize possible disruptions to river and park use to the extent possible.

The agreement includes a statement of work that identifies planning and reporting requirements associated with the cleanup. The agreement and additional information on the lower Passaic River restoration project are available at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/diamondalkali/> or <http://www.ourpassaic.org>.

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#### Attachment - List of Parties that Signed the Settlement

Arkema Inc.  
Ashland Inc. Atlantic Richfield Company  
BASF Corporation, on its own behalf and on behalf of BASF Catalysts LLC  
Belleville Industrial Center  
Benjamin Moore & Co.  
CBS Corporation, a Delaware corporation, f/k/a Viacom Inc., successor by merger to CBS Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation, f/k/a Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
Chevron Environmental Management Company, for itself and on behalf of

Texaco, Inc. and TRMI-H LLC  
 CNA Holdings LLC  
 Coats & Clark, Inc.  
 Coltec Industries  
 Conopco, Inc. d/b/a Unilever (as successor to CPC/Bestfoods, former parent of the Penick Corporation (facility located at 540 New York Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ))  
 Cooper Industries, LLC  
 Covanta Essex Company  
 Croda Inc.  
 DII Industries, LLC  
 DiLorenzo Properties Company on behalf of itself and the Goldman /Goldman/DiLorenzo Properties Partnerships  
 E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company  
 Eden Wood Corporation  
 Elan Chemical Company  
 EPEC Polymers, Inc. on behalf of itself and EPEC Oil Company Liquidating Trust  
 Essex Chemical Corporation  
 Exelis Inc. for itself and for ITT Corporation  
 Flexon Industries Corp.  
 Franklin-Burlington Plastics, Inc.  
 Garfield Molding Co., Inc.  
 General Electric Company  
 Givaudan Fragrances Corporation (Fragrances North America)  
 Goodrich Corporation on behalf of itself and Kalama Specialty Chemicals, Inc.  
 Hess Corporation, on its own behalf and on behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company  
 Hexcel Corporation  
 Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. on its own behalf, and on behalf of its affiliate Roche Diagnostics  
 Honeywell International Inc.  
 ISP Chemicals LLC  
 Kao USA Inc.  
 Leemilt's Petroleum, Inc. (successor to Power Test of New Jersey, Inc.), on its behalf and on behalf of Power Test Realty Company Limited Partnership and Getty Properties Corp., the General Partner of Power Test Realty Company Limited Partnership  
 Legacy Vulcan Corp.  
 Linde LLC on behalf of The BOC Group, Inc.  
 Lucent Technologies Inc. now known as Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc.  
 Mallinckrodt Inc.  
 National-Standard LLC  
 Newell Rubbermaid Inc., on behalf of itself and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Goody Products, Inc. and Berol Corporation (as successor by merger to Faber-Castell Corporation)  
 News Publishing Australia Ltd. (successor to Chris-Craft Industries)  
 Novelis Corporation (f/k/a Alcan Aluminum Corporation)  
 Otis Elevator Company  
 Pfizer, Inc.  
 Pharmacia Corporation (f/k/a Monsanto Company)  
 PPG Industries, Inc.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
Purdue Pharma Technologies, Inc.  
Quality Carriers, Inc. as successor to Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, Inc.  
and Quality Carriers, Inc.'s corporate affiliates and parents  
Reichhold, Inc.  
Revere Smelting and Refining Corporation  
Safety-Kleen Envirosystems Company by McKesson, and McKesson Corporation  
for itself  
Sequa Corporation  
Seton Tanning  
STWB Inc.  
Sun Chemical Corporation  
Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas LLC (f/k/a A.E. Staley Manufacturing  
Company, including its former division Staley Chemical Company)  
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (f/k/a Biocraft Laboratories, Inc.)  
Teval Corporation  
Textron Inc.  
The Hartz Consumer Group, Inc., on behalf of The Hartz Mountain  
Corporation  
The Newark Group  
The Sherwin-Williams Company  
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.  
Three County Volkswagen  
Tiffany and Company  
Vertellus Specialties Inc. f/k/a Reilly Industries, Inc.  
Wyeth, on behalf of Shulton, Inc.

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